



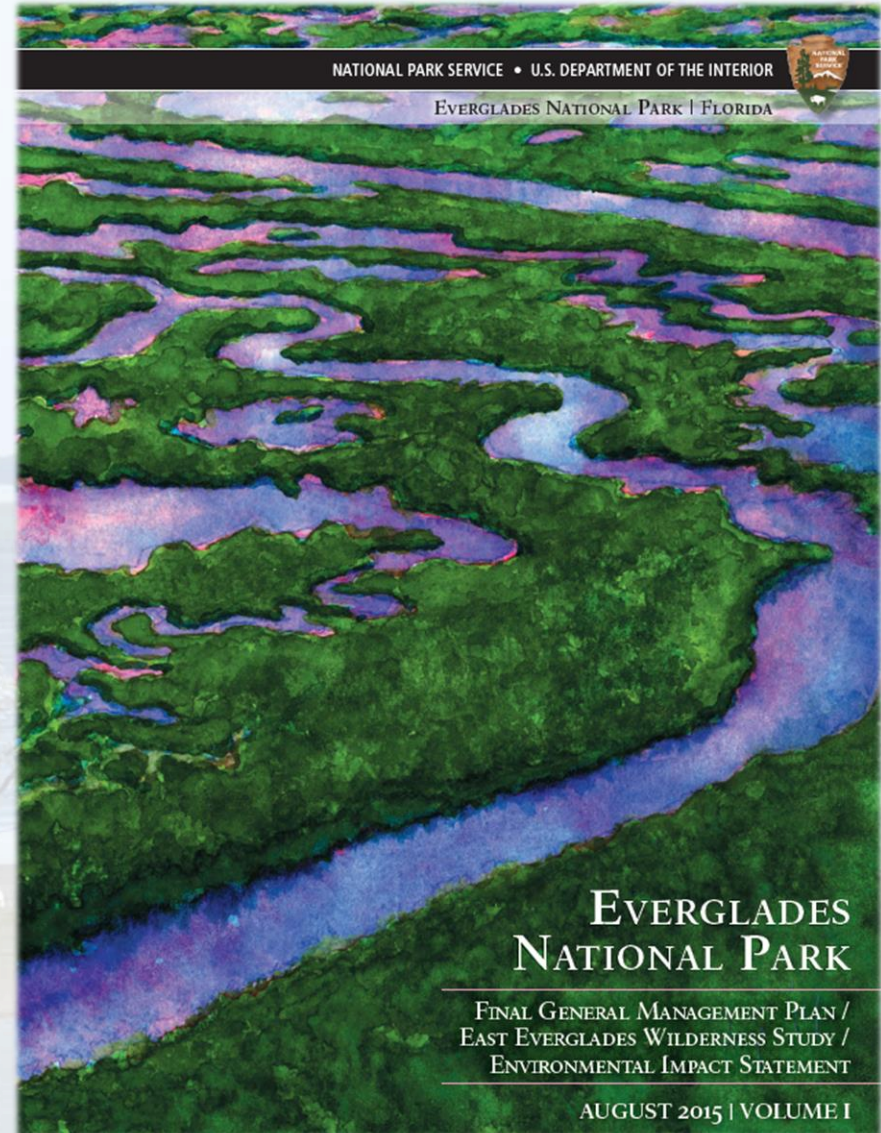
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Update to Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

Implementing the General
Management Plan, Phase 1 – Enjoying
and Protecting Marine Resources
(Boater Use and Education)

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Agenda

- **General Management Plan (GMP) Implementation Priorities for Marine Waters/Florida Bay**
- **When Are Changes Going To Begin?**
- **Next Steps**
- **Questions and Discussion**



GMP Implementation Priorities



- Park team and partners working on integrated strategy for marine areas
- Multiple projects underway – integrated roll-out in late 2016
 - Boater Education Program
 - Boater Permit Program
 - New tools for navigation
 - New access corridors marked
 - Downloadable app and GPS tools
 - Boating and Angling Guide and other products
 - Joe Bay opening and monitoring
 - Summer/Fall – Communication and outreach strategy launched



Boater Education Program



Welcome to the *Everglades National Park Online Boater Education Course!*

VIDEO: Opening Message

with Pedro Ramos, Superintendent, Everglades National Park



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▶ Video transcript

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- Focus: Resource Protection, Safety, Respectful Boating
- Available at Eppley Institute in English and Spanish; ADA-compliant
- Course will be web-based and available to everyone with no fee
- About 1 hour to complete
- Required for motor boat operator to get annual permit



Boater Permit Program



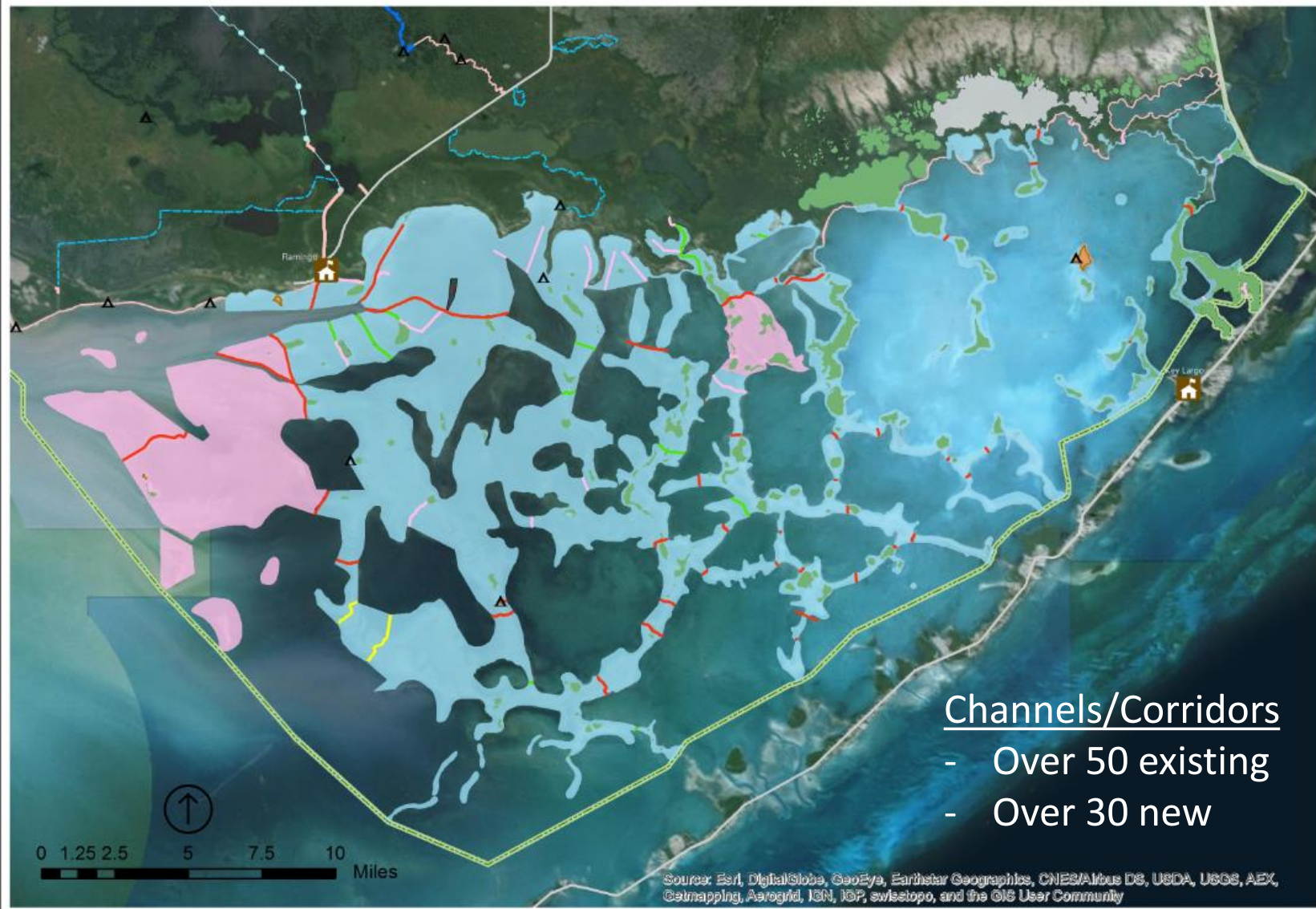
- Annual or 7-day from Eppley Institute (seamless with education course)
- Annual Permit will be free in first 6 months of course/permit start
- After 6 months – Annual permit is \$50; 7-day Permit is \$25
- Flamingo launch fee (\$60/annual and \$5/day) will be eliminated
- Fees will be used for: additional rangers, maintaining navigation aids, science/monitoring, other marine resource projects
- Maximum fee approved is \$75 (annual) and \$25 (7-day)

New Tools For Navigation – Access Corridors



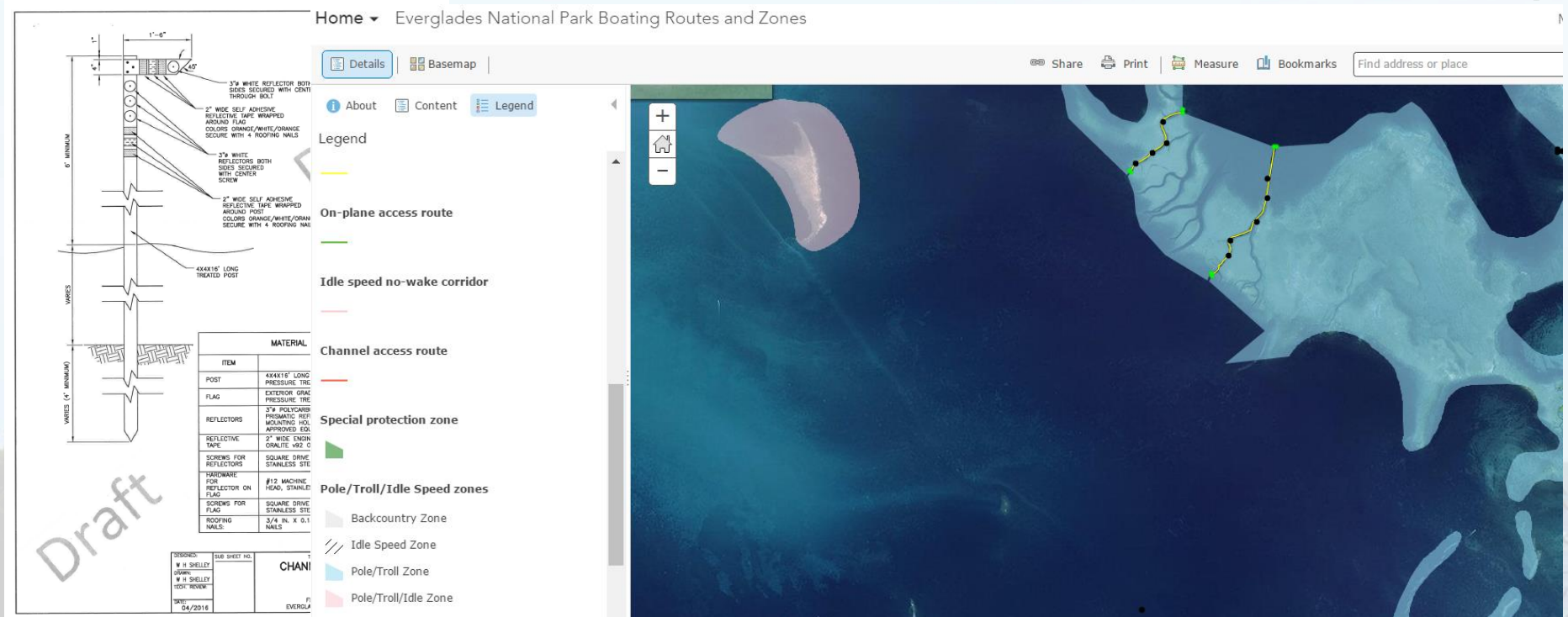
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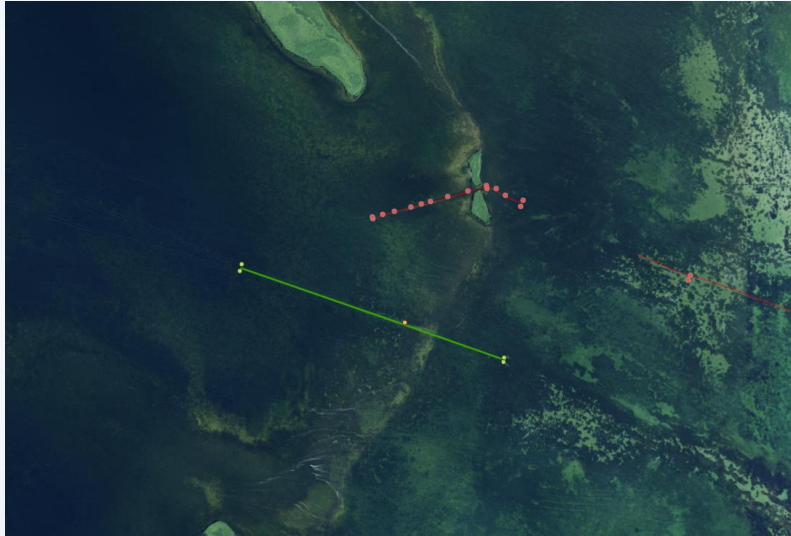
New prototype markers – guide access, protect resources



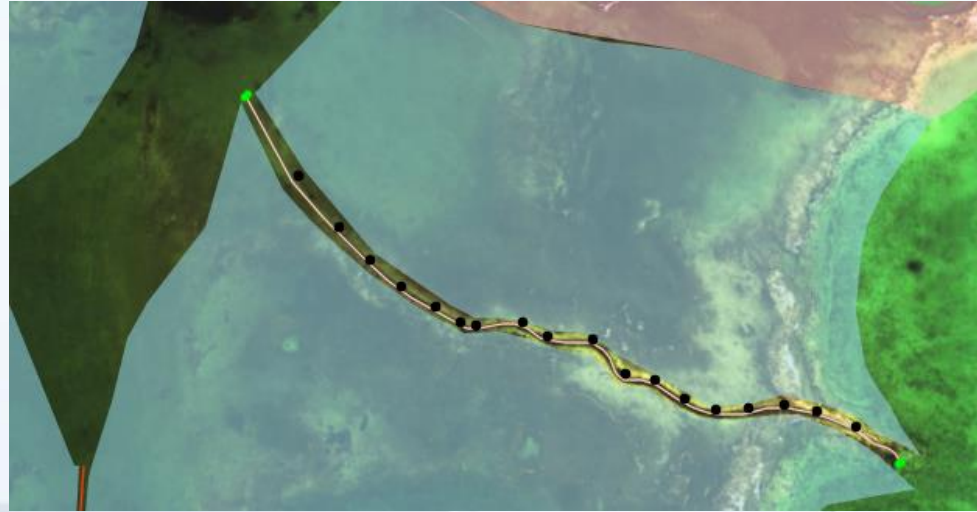
Recognizing Historically-used Access – Flamingo Area



Dump Key Channel



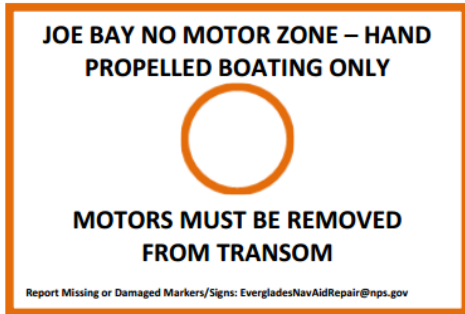
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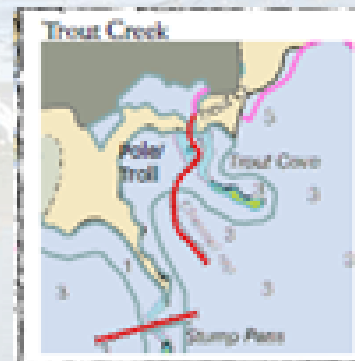
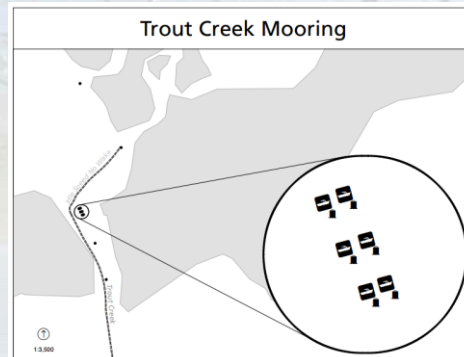
North Jimmy Channel



Joe Bay Opening



- No motor area
- Catch-and-release fishing
- 6 moorings to support motor boats in area
- Fishery and visitor experience monitoring



When are Changes Going To Begin?



- Late 2016 – several key steps are still working towards completion
- 60-day advance notice to public in advance of start date
- As start date approaches, more detailed information will be provided by many means

Next Steps

- Finalize and roll-out communication/outreach strategies
- Work with partners such FKNMS and SAC member organizations to communicate messages
- Complete remaining activities related to priority projects (e.g., marking new corridors, finalizing app)



Thank you...questions, discussion...

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